

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 5/27/2022

Teacher's Message/Announcements

3 ½ More Days to Go!

Please make sure to check the Notes From the Classroom section for communication from Mrs. Banaszak (Library) and Mr. Frazier (Field Day)

Teacher Emails

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- Mr. Little - t.little@cvillecatholic.org

Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, May 30th** - Memorial Day (No School)
- **Tuesday, May 31st**
 - First Grade Reading Summit - Please bring a book for the book swap and a towel or blanket for outdoor reading (Please check your child's binder for a letter with additional details)
 - First Grade Ice Cream Party
 - Yearbooks will be distributed
- **Wednesday, June 1st**
 - Field Day (9:00-2:00)- See attached letter from Mr. Frazier
 - 8th Grade Graduation (6:00 p.m.)
- **Thursday, June 2nd** - Last Day for JK & K
 - First Grade Game Day - Students may bring one first grade friendly game (Please check your child's binder for a letter with additional details)
- **Friday, June 3rd** - Last Day for 1st-7th (½ Day - 11:30 Dismissal/No Aftercare)
 - Blue & Gold Day
 - End of Year Awards Ceremony (Please bring a towel or blanket to sit on)

Curriculum

Math

This week we continued working on 2-digit addition within 100 (i.e., $21+7$ and $46+32$) and targeted the following vocabulary words: sum, add, plus sign, part, whole, and compose. We also conducted end of the year math assessments including Performance Series and a cumulative math benchmark assessment.

Reading and Language Arts

Reading

This week we read and discussed the book *Chicks and Salsa*, focused on Character Traits, and differentiated between a character's feelings and traits. We also analyzed characters' actions and practiced reading comprehension strategies such as underlining and highlighting evidence found in fiction and nonfiction texts to support main ideas and record important information. We also conducted end of the year reading assessments including Performance Series, Dibels, and High Frequency Words.

Grammar

This week we focused on Homophones, which are words that sound the same but have a different meaning, origin, or spelling (i.e., new and knew). We also reviewed past Grammar skills.

Word Study/Spelling

We studied words with the /oi/ sound which can be spelled with an oi (point) and oy (toy), as well as long o spelling patterns such as whole, bowl, and loan. The generalizations/rules for the /oi/ sound consisted of two basic principles. If the /oi/ sound comes at the beginning or middle of a word (oil) it is spelled with an oi. If the /oi/ sound comes at the end of a word it is spelled with an oy (joy). This is our final sort for the year. We also took a final spelling inventory benchmark assessment to monitor spelling progress and growth over the year.

Writing

This week we wrote in conjunction with our reading and grammar skills of the week: character traits, finding evidence, and homophones. There were also many more opportunities to write with sentence dictation, spelling, written responses in social studies and math, and addressing new vocabulary. Writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing continued as well.

Religion

This week we worked in our Catholic Reflections Workbook while Mr. Jones covered for Mrs. Milnor. Next week we will talk about First Holy Communion, Heaven and the Kingdom of God.

Science/ Social Studies

We continued looking at various maps and practicing our map skills. We also studied the state of Virginia, exploring various state-related details and characteristics.

Homework

For the week of: 5/31-6/3

Math - No Homework

Reading - Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night. Additionally, for each completed book, your child will color in their reading log for the month (e.g. May books = Flowers). Don't forget the monthly reading challenge that was included in the binder as well. These activities are designed to motivate readers/encourage students to have fun with reading. It's optional, but highly recommended.

Word Study/Spelling - No Homework

Religion - Practice 1 prayer per night.

Notes From the Classroom

Formal Dress for Mass Continues - No Shorts

While Spring Dress is now allowed through the end of the school year, students must continue to be in formal dress for all Mass days.

Spring Dress began Monday, April 25th

Boys and Girls

- Yellow crested polo for K-2 (FlynnO'Hara only)
- Navy shorts or pants (Land's End or FlynnO'Hara)
 - Brown, black, navy, or CCS belts are optional for K-2, but required for 3-5
 - White, navy, black ankle or crew socks (small logo is acceptable, but stripes and designs are not)

Girls

- Plaid jumper (FlynnO'Hara only)
 - solid dark shorts must be worn underneath
 - white peter pan collared shirt (FlynnO'Hara only)
 - white, navy, black ankle or folded down crew socks (summer dress only)
 - navy knee socks (no white or black knee socks)

Shoes

- **Boys**
 - solid black mocs
 - black tennis shoes - a touch of white is permissible, but no other colors, patterns, or lights
- **Girls**
 - solid black mocs or Mary Janes
 - black tennis shoes - a touch of white is permissible, but no other colors, patterns, or lights

Outside for Snack, Lunch, and Recess

Please be mindful of the colder mornings and some cooler days that we might get this spring. Bringing sweatshirts and sweaters will still be a good idea since we will continue to go outside for snack, lunch, and recess. Inside the school can sometimes feel a bit chilly as well. And if need be, your child can still bring coats, hats, and gloves with them to school. Ladies should not have bare legs when the temperature is below freezing. Please make sure they wear tights or leggings under their jumpers.

Snack (9:00)/ Lunch(11:50)

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Just as a reminder we cannot give out food or plastic utensils to children this year. Also, please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Both First Grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. ***Please make sure that water bottles only contain water. We have had a few juice/ sports drink spills and they become rather messy.***

Masks and Water Bottles

We cannot give out extra masks to students. Please make sure to pack an extra mask or two in your child's bag. Also, please make sure that students are bringing a water bottle to school daily. We do not have disposable water bottles at school for the students to have.

Specials Schedule

Monday - Library Tuesday - Art Wednesday - Art and Music

CCS School Calendar (December 2021 - June 2022)

[CCS School Calendar December 2021-June 2022](#)

We have several major CCS events missing from the calendar such as Grandparents and Great Friends Day, Field Day, the Art Show, and our Read-A-Thon. These events must remain fluid due to ongoing COVID 19 restrictions.

Dress Uniform

Boys - Blue pants (no shorts), white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks **NO** white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks **NO** white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

Blue & Gold Days (Not Every Monday)

Please check the calendar above for designated Blue & Gold Days. There has been some confusion about this.

Monthly Scholastic Book Orders

<https://clubs.scholastic.com>

Mrs. Milnor - LKHF3

Mr. Little - JBPQ2

Library - From Mrs. Banaszak

The library is liquidating all of their DVDs and sending each first grader home with one as a gift. These are not DVDs that need to come back to the school.

Field Day - From Mr. Frazier

Field Day 2022 JK-6th

Dear Parents,

Parents, we are so excited to be offering this again and can't wait to see all the students and volunteers. Please read ahead to get a quick note on what is required of your child on field day. All other notes regarding field day activities and movement patterns will be answered and addressed by their classroom teachers. All activities this day will involve lots of movement and lots of water. Given the duration of the day, it is extremely important to have a few items accompanied by each student. Please see the list below. I do though need to stress that students must have a labeled water bottle.

All essential items needed this day (with a few rules):

- Bathing suits are not required - If worn, they must be covered by shorts and a tee shirt at all times. Swim trunks are fine but shirt tops are to remain on.
- Sunscreen, Sunscreen, and Sunscreen
- Comfortable loose fitting athletic attire that meets dress code requirements • A change of clothes, FULL set of clothes, and change of shoes, socks too!
- Hats are acceptable on this day as they provide sun blockage
- No sunglasses (Unless prescription)
- LABELED Water Bottle (super important we stay hydrated on this day.)
- Towel (1 should be ok, as heat should dry towels quickly)
- Snack

- Lunch

As the primary field day activities conclude, the schedule will allow for a SCHOOL WIDE lunch at 12:15. This means that all classes will go back to their classrooms to cool off, eat, and relax until 12:55. Starting at 1pm-2:15pm will be middle school competitive events in which we invite all elementary cohorts back out to watch and cheer on their older peers.

It will be a fun day your child won't soon forget, so be sure to rest up Tuesday night!!! Thank you so much for your help ensuring your child has what they need on this day. As a staff, we are looking forward to a wonderful day!

Mr. Frazier